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20th ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DUNBARTON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1864.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

March 1, 1863.

Thomas Wilson, in account with the Town of Dunbarton Dr.

Taxes assessed for 1863,	\$772 80
Cash received of Treasurer,	490 80
Literary money,	69 12
Money received of Selectmen,	297 85
Money received for county paupers,	270 81
Railroad money,	149 87
National bounty,	682 00
	\$2,733 25

Feb. 26, 1864,

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Orders and receipts, for interest on notes, &c.,	427 93
Cash in Treasurer hands,	1,532 52
Due on H. E. Ryder's collection,	283 96
Cash and receipts of collector,	488 84
	\$2,733 25

We the undersigned have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and duly vouched.

HUGH JAMESON JOHN C. MILLS, HARRIS E. RYDER,	}	Auditors.
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Paid to School Districts,	\$796 86
State Tax,	958 50
County Tax,	688 52
Indebtedness of the town,	13,600 00

Orders given by the Selectmen for the year ending Feb. 25, 1864.

Silvanus Hayward, services as Superintending School Committee,	17 00
Charles G. B. Ryder, services as S. S. Committee,	16 00
J. P. Jameson, services as S. S. Committee,	13 00
J. Ireland, services as Auditor,	1 00
J. C. Mills, services as Auditor,	1 00
Benj. Hoyt, services as Treasurer,	15 00
Charles Kimball, for services as Town Clerk,	17 00
Jona. Colby, for services as Sexton,	3 00
Charles Kimball, for repairs on Town House,	1 50
John Page, jr., for lumber to build bridge,	4 00
Wm. B. Burnham, services as Selectman,	95 28
S. B. Hammond, services as Selectman and Moderator,	28 02
Charles Brown, services as Selectman,	26 04
John E. Morse, for tolling bell,	1 00
Augustus Woodbury, being balance for his account as Superintendent of Town Farm,	109 96
H. L. Burnham, cash paid for printing town reports,	18 00
Cash paid for books and stationery,	5 68
Samuel Wilson, board of Lewis Wilson,	16 05
H. L. Burnham, cash paid to aid families of volunteers,	50 00
Cash paid Marcus Holmes, note,	25 00
Cash paid for paupers,	5 00
Samuel E. Barnard, interest on note,	5 80
Thomas Mills, deposition on Dwinnell's case,	2 00
John Mills, being over-taxed,	1 00
George O. Waite, being over-taxed,	1 00
Richard Parkinson, abatement of poll tax,	1 68
John Page, " "	1 68
David Hammond, " "	1 68
H. L. Burnham, aid to Wm. Webber,	10 00
Cash paid for insurance,	3 10
E. S. Clement, for over tax,	1 00
Elmira Leach, for over tax,	1 00
Benj. Hoyt, expense for transient pauper,	12 00
Abatement of taxes for 1863,	52 28

Bills against the Town.

J. P. Jameson, services as S. S. Committee,	16 00
Silvanus Hayward, " " "	16 00
O. G. B. Ryder, " " "	12 00
Hugh Jameson, services as Auditor,	1 00
John C. Mills, " "	1 00
H. E. Ryder,	1 00

Thomas Wilson, services as Treasurer,	12 00
G. B. French, services as Town Clerk,	16 00
G. B. French, for notifying and qualifying town officers,	3 00

Town of Dunbarton to H. L. Burnham, for services as Selectman.

—1863.—

—DR.—

To 1 day at Town Farm,	1 25
1 day at Concord,	1 25
5 days taking inventory,	6 25
8 days making and recording taxes,	10 00
1 day making collector's warrant,	1 25
1-2 day on town business,	63
1 day at Concord on Dwinells case,	1 25
1 day on town business,	1 25
1 day obtaining reduction of interest on town notes,	1 25
1 day viewing Stark farm,	1 25
3 days on new road,	3 75
1-2 day making warrant,	63
1 day at Concord,	1 25
1 day at Concord, for State aid,	1 25
1 day on new road,	1 25
1-2 day paying interest on notes,	63
4 days at Concord on town business,	5 00
2 days on business connected with Leach note,	2 50
1-2 day making warrant,	63
1-2 day regulating jury box,	63
1-2 day at Town Farm with County Commissioners,	63
1-2 day making pauper account,	63
1 day at Concord with the same,	1 25
cash paid Mrs. R. Webber,	1 00
1 day Concord,	1 25
making warrant and check-list,	1 25
at Town Farm and Treasurer's,	1 25
2 days making town reports,	2 50
time spent obtaining money and paying families of vol-	
unteers and revenue stamps,	7 00
1-2 day correcting check-list,	63

\$60 54

Town of Dunbarton to Benjamin Hoyt for Services as Selectman,
—1863.—

DR.

1 day at Town Farm,	1 25
5 days taking inventory,	6 25
5 days making taxes,	6 25
1 1-2 day distributing Surveyor warrants,	63
1-2 day at Walter Clough's on pauper business,	63
1 2 day at Walter Clough's on pauper business,	62
" " " " " "	62
1 day viewing Stark Farm,	1 25
3 days with Road Commissioner;	3 75
1-2 day drawing jurors,	63
1 day at Concord on road business,	1 25
1 day looking after E. P. Leach's note,	1 25
1 day at Hopkinton to renew Leach note,	1 25
1 day on Bow line,	1 25
1 day at Concord, procuring volunteers,	1 25
1 day making warrant and check-list,	1 25
1 day at Town Farm and Treasurer's,	1 25
2 days making Town Reports,	2 50
1-2 day regulating check-list,	62
1-2 day regulating jury box,	62
1 day to Concord, with Report,	2 00
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	\$36 37

Town of Dunbarton to John B. Ireland for services as Selectman.
—1863.—

DR.

1 day at Town Farm,	1 25
5 days taking inventory,	6 25
6 days making taxes,	7 50
2 days moving pauper to Town Farm,	2 50
1 day viewing Stark Farm,	1 25
3 days with Road Commissioners,	3 75
1-2 day making warrants,	63
2 days with Road Commissioner,	2 50
1-2 day drawing jurors,	62
1 day at Concord on road business,	1 25
1 day looking up E. P. Leach's note,	1 25
1-2 day making warrant,	63
1 day at Concord to procure volunteers,	1 25
1-2 day regulating jury box,	62

1 day making warrant and check-list,	1 25
1 day at Town Farm and Treasurer's,	1 25
2 days making Town Report,	2 50
1-2 day regulating check-list,	63
For cash paid for express,	75
For cash paid for stamps,	25
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	\$37 88

*Inventory of the Property on the Town Farm as appraised Feb.
25th, 1864.*

1 horse,	\$90 00
4 oxen,	260 00
6 cows,	200 00
10 young cattle,	165 00
1 sheep,	6 00
2 hogs,	25 00
12 hens,	2 00
25 tons hay,	450 00
2 tons second quality hay,	10 00
113 bush. corn,	158 20
3 1-2 bush. wheat,	8 00
30 bush. oats,	25 00
3 bush. beans,	9 00
175 bush. potatoes,	100 00
3 bbls. apples,	6 00
2 bbls. vinegar,	8 00
Soap,	3 00
250 lbs. cheese,	35 00
140 lbs. beef,	9 00
150 lbs. hams and shoulders,	20 00
400 lbs. pork,	56 00
4 bbls. turnips,	4 00
6 galls. boiled cider,	3 00
40 lbs. butter,	12 00
80 lbs. lard,	11 00
Tallow and candles,	3 75
50 lbs. soap grease,	2 00
8 gallons apple sauce and dried apples,	5 60
Shorts and meal,	4 00
1 cord wood,	3 00
Pine lumber,	35 00
80 sleepers,	20 00
Horse and hand rakes,	6 00
1 sleigh,	24 00

1 buffalo robe and blanket,	10 25
2 wagons,	50 00
2 harnesses,	12 00
12 chains,	11 00
2 harrows and cultivator,	12 00
Wheelbarrows and drag,	5 00
Grain cradle,	1 50
Fanning mill, grindstone and wrench,	6 50
4 plows,	30 00
2 iron bars and 2 cops and pins,	2 50
2 sleds,	18 00
Augers, gimlet, shaves and chisels,	3 00
Scythes, snath and hay forks,	7 00
Shovels, forks and hoes,	6 50
3 saws and iron wedges,	3 25
2 carts, rakes, etc.,	35 00
Yokes and irons,	8 00
1 whiffletree,	1 00
13 cider barrels,	12 00
4 meat barrels,	3 00
6 axes and handles,	6 00
Churns and tubs,	11 00
4 stoves and furniture,	23 00
1 cheese safe, tables and chests,	5 50
6 flat irons,	1 50
9 feather beds,	35 00
10 straw beds,	2 00
25 pillows and 3 bolsters,	7 50
10 pair sheets and 8 pair pillow slips,	18 00
15 blankets,	20 00
1 clothes wringer and clothes horse,	4 00
1 coffee and tea pot,	1 25
60 tin pans, 9 tin pails and other tin ware,	17 00
2 cream pails and wash bowls,	2 50
1 lantern, 2 lamps, 6 candlesticks,	4 50
Flour barrels, boxes and casks,	6 00
Halter, curry comb and brush,	1 50
Library,	1 00
11 earthen pots,	2 20
Butter bowls, cheese hoops, etc.,	1 50
2 cheese presses and apple parer,	2 50
Cheese strainers and towels,	3 00
Bedsteads and cords,	7 50
Steelyards,	4 00
12 comfortables,	7 00
12 quilts and bed covers,	10 00
5 table covers,	1 50

Ladders and hand-sled,	4 00
5 butcher knives,	1 00
3 clocks,	6 00
3 shovels and tongs,	2 00
2 pair fire dogs, stove pipe and fire board,	4 00
Cups, saucers and platter,	2 20
2 sugar buckets,	1 00
1 desk and 2 cases of drawers,	2 50
3 light stands and 30 chairs,	4 75
6 butter firkins,	2 50
5 chamber vessels, 1 sett measures,	3 25
Basket and pail and 2 mirrors,	3 00
Child's clothing,	2 50
Knives, forks, spoons, tumblers,	4 70
1 dozen bowls and meal bags,	4 70
Clothing and yarn,	6 00

*Receipts of the Town Farm by Jacob Peavey, from Feb. 25th to
April 1st, 1863.*

22 bushels corn,	\$22 00
Apples,	9 80
156 lbs. cheese,	20 28
10 doz. eggs,	1 40
3 cords of wood,	9 00
Keeping horse 4 weeks and six days,	5 00

Receipts of Town Farm by Johnson C. McIntire.

4 oxen,	\$235 00
2 cows 1 3 year old steer,	85 96
2 calves,	10 40
Hides,	11 07
1 shoat,	12 00
Pasturing cattle,	37 18
Received for Webber pasture,	14 00
234 lbs. butter,	42 72
87 3-4 lbs. cheese,	8 77
20 doz. eggs,	4 19
20 chickens,	8 60
Pork,	41 26
Lard,	5 02
Milk,	3 04

Potatoes,	15 83
Hay,	17 55
20 bush. corn,	20 71
1 bush. oats,	75
Cider and vinegar,	3 59
Received for keeping peddlers and labor,	2 50
produce,	4 74
Rags and old iron,	10 35
Received for wood and lumber,	96 27
Beans,	1 37
Farming tools,	1 50
1 calf,	5 00

*Expenditures of the Farm by Jacob Peavey, from Feb. 25th, to
April 1st, 1863.*

4 galls. molasses,	\$1 60
12 lbs. sugar,	1 47
1 lb. tobacco,	1 00
Coffee, &c.,	1 78
1 lantern,	1 00
Clothing for paupers,	4 85
Paid for paupers,	5 00
Labor,	11 50
1 bbl. flour,	9 50
Sundry small articles,	2 99

Expenditures of the Farm by J. C. McIntire.

For cattle and sheep,	\$151 00
8 3-4 lbs. tea,	8 80
9 lbs. coffee,	1 54
93 lbs. sugar,	12 29
23 galls. molasses,	11 21
16 1-2 lbs. tobacco,	9 70
For beef,	4 75
fish,	4 37
Dr. Little's bill,	18 50
cloth, &c.,	17 56
blacksmith's bill,	22 34
flour,	24 73
boots and shoes, glass and nails,	10 95
use of cider mill,	25

seed and plaster,	13 47
farming tools and lead pipe,	36 87
salt and spices,	10 84
repairing carts, &c.,	3 00
funeral expenses of Lewis Wilson,	5 50
wicking, oil, tallow and candles,	5 12
wash boiler, tin and glass ware,	10 09
potash and matches,	2 85
paper hangings and curtains,	2 83
soda and other small articles,	4 49
medicine for county paupers,	7 48
onions, rennets and lamp burner,	2 90
cream tartar, starch, crackers and other small articles,	4 35
stove, stove back and solder,	2 66
feeting and yarn,	3 42
saw bill and brick,	11 36
saw bill,	25 13

Recapitulation.

Value of stock, tools, produce and household furniture, March 1, 1863,	\$2.112 90
Value of stock, tools, produce and household furniture, Feb. 27, 1864,	2.276 56
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Amount more than in 1863,	163 60
Receipts at the farm,	766 85
Received and paid into the town treasury for expense of county paupers,	270 81
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	\$1.201 26
Expenditures of farm,	\$731 85
Services of Superintendent and wife,	175 00
Interest on town property,	300 00
Money tax,	31 43
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	\$1.238 28

Of the different paupers who have been supported at the Farm during the year, one has been a town and six have been county paupers.

HENRY L. BURNHAM,	} <i>Selectmen of Dunbarton.</i>
BENJAMIN HOYT,	
JOHN B. IRELAND,	

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REPORT

Of the Superintending School Committee of the Town of Dunbar- ton, for the years of 1863 and 1864.

It is but reasonable to suppose that our schools are improving gradually under the many influences that are brought to bear upon them for good. Still a greater degree of progress in this direction is desirable. The great aim of all the friends of Education should be to improve the common school "by word and deed." This institution is near and dear to the heart of every American citizen, or at least, should be. The influence of the "New England District School," is immense. It is felt in all parts of the world—this being the case, let *parent, teacher, and scholar, all* be united and raise the standard of our schools high. There are evils connected with the District School that require the united efforts of parent, teacher, and scholar to overcome—let either attempt to dodge the responsibility that rests upon them and the school must suffer. Parents should insist upon a constant attendance during the term and never withdraw their children from the school, because of an evil report learned by way of scholars. There is nothing that is so discouraging to the teacher, and really detrimental to the school as this. If you wish to correct evils in school call upon your children while attending, and give them to understand by this that you are as much interested in them, and their teacher, as you are in your flocks and herds.

The parent should know that when he places his child in the district school he will come in contact with evil influences that he is not able to resist without the assistance of both parent and teacher.

The *government* of a school is of the greatest importance. It is in this that most teachers are faulty to enforce laws that are necessary for the preservation of good order is the great secret of school teaching. The teacher should not wholly confine himself to text-books—his general knowledge should be almost inexhaustible—let him interest his pupils with matters and things as they are. Our schools the past year have been to a good degree successful—no change has taken place in regard to school-rooms more than what is caused by old age. In reporting the several schools in town we may not in all cases arrive at a correct conclusion, as this perhaps would be an impossibility.

A superabundance of text-books is an evil that has not wholly been set aside. Let a reform in this particular go on and not the result. Parents visit your school-room.

J. P. JAMESON,
SILVANUS HAYWARD,
CHAS. G. B. RYDER,

{ Superintending
School
Committee.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term, Miss L. W. Dow, Teacher. An interest seemed to prevail, and important was the result. The examination passed satisfactorily, altho' the members of the district were generally absent. This is not as it should be.

Winter Term, Mr. Calvin Martin, Teacher. This term, though short was one of profit. Mr. Martin is a teacher of experience, and his success in this case was good. The school numbers upward of twenty pupils. Register for Summer Term imperfect.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term, Miss Mary J. Wheeler, Teacher. The school-room in District No. 2, is not large enough to accommodate the scholars belonging to the district, consequently the teacher labors under a great disadvantage. It appeared at the close of the term that Miss Wheeler fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher. An interest is here gaining ground in regard to schools. Would that we might say as much of "school-houses." Both Registers imperfect.

Winter Term, Mr. Henry E. Burnham, Teacher. A school of forty or fifty scholars crowded together closer than it would be for the health of a flock of sheep of that number cannot be expected to accomplish as much as they would if better situated. We do not find fault with the teacher or the scholars in this case, but there is a fault somewhere. It is evident that Dunbarton Village does need a better school-room. Improvement was made in the studies pursued. The teacher received a present from his pupils as a token of respect.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss M. J. Morgan of Hopkinton, teacher, Summer Term; Miss Fannie L. Burnham, Winter Term, Miss Morgan was a beginner, but succeeded well. Miss Burnham is an experienced teacher and met with her usual degree of success here. This is an interesting school, sizable in point of numbers. A good proportion of large scholars and some good ones. The female sex predominate, which is a digression from the general rule in the schools of this town.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Both terms taught by Miss Margarette C. Holmes. In many respects the district is doing better than many others. It has a fair house, which cannot be said of most. It retains the services of the same teacher instead of changing every term. Twenty-six visits of *parents* in the district are reported for the two terms. A fine map of the United States has been presented to the school by Capt. A. J. Stone, a citizen of the district. "Go thou and do likewise." Registers both imperfect. S.H.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Both terms taught by Miss M. J. Sargent. The punctuality and constant attendance in this school has been unusually worthy of notice. The teacher says, "My pupils have seemed interested in their studies. The parents in the district seemed to be interested in having a good school, but they seldom visit

the school-room." A very significant "but," applicable also to most other districts. This district ought to have a new house, instead of patching up the old shell by piece-meal. S. H.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Julia L. Powers, of Concord, Teacher, Summer Term; W. A. Putney, Winter Term. Both profitable terms. Scholars appeared interested and passed a commendable examination at the close of each school.

Where were the parents and other members of the district at the Winter examination. One mother only was present. Better not trust the care of your children too much to strangers. Register for Summer Term imperfect.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer and Winter Term, Miss Amanda Wyman, teacher. This school was very small during both terms—hardly scholars enough to be interesting to teacher or scholar. Miss Wyman is a teacher of experience; she was faithful in the discharge of her duties, and a good degree of progress was made. Why not, as the schools are small, unite Nos. 11 and 7 during each term, that each scholar have the benefit of both schools.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term taught six weeks by Miss Esther H. Wheeler. Winter Term of sixteen weeks, taught by Miss Luthera A. Clough.

Here has been great irregularity in attendance during the Winter. The term has not yet closed, hence it cannot be as perfectly reported as otherwise. The school is not very much advanced. Some however, are trying that which is beyond their depth—a very common fault in schools. It would be wiser to have the terms of more nearly equal length, or divide them into three. Twelve weeks is ordinarily as long a term as can be profitable. Here a new school-house is a matter of urgent necessity. Register for Summer term imperfect. S. H.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Lizzie C. Colby. Winter term, by Henry M. Putney. This school is too small. The pupils appeared to the committee interested in their studies, and of course, made improvement. There is a great deficiency in reading here, especially among the older portions of the school. This district needs a better house. No visits from the parents are reported during the year. Both Registers imperfect. S. H.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Miss Lydia S. McNeil, teacher Summer Term; Alvin Hadley, Winter. The Prudential Committee of this district started, at the outset, with the intention of procuring good teachers or none. We are happy to report, that in this instance, he was uncommonly successful in both teachers. We have sel-

dom visited better schools. The recitations were brisk and thorough. There was no servile dependence on text-books, but *self-reliance* on the part of the teachers, which tended to excite in the scholar thought and mental exertion. The order was excellent. The names of sixteen scholars are reported as not having whispered during the winter term, thus showing that the greatest of all nuisances may, by a degree of self-denial on the part of the scholar, be entirely eradicated from our schools. May this be the case. Scholars, try it, and see what an improvement you will make in your school. It will be better than the best of teachers.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer and Winter Term, Miss Amanda Wyman Teacher. The District was fortunate in securing the services of the same teacher for both terms. A commendable degree of improvement was made during each term. An interest in the school seems to prevail here.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.								WINTER SCHOOLS.							
Number of District.	Length of School in weeks.	Number of Scholars.	Average number of scholars.	Number visits by the S. S. Committee.	Number visits by Prudential Committee.	Number of visits by citizens and others.	Wages of Teachers, exclusive of board.	Number of District.	Length of School in weeks.	Number of Scholars.	Average number of scholars.	Number visits by the S. S. Committee.	Number visits by Prudential Committee.	Number of visits by citizens and others.	Wages of teachers, exclusive of board.
1	7	16	14	2	0	5	\$8 00	1	5	23	22	2	0	7	\$22 00
2	9	32	25	3	1	45	11 00	2	10	44	39	4	0	40	28 00
3	12	20	16	2	0	33	8 00	3	14	25	20	2	0	35	12 00
4	12	17	15	2	2	30	10 00	4	12	22	2	2	1	23	
5	8	13	12	2	1	16	7 00	5	10	18	15	2	2	24	12 00
6	9	16		2	0			6	8	20	18	2	2		28 00
7	6	7	5	2	0		12 00	7	8	8	05	2	1	6	12 00
8	6	8	7	2	0	8	8 00								
9	8	9	7	2	0	9	10 00	9	8	10		2	43		
10	8	17	15	2	0	11	10 00	10	6	20	18	2	0	6	16 00
11	8	11	10	2	2	16	10 00	11	8	15	11	2	0	18	12 00